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SUBJ: CSCE POLICY: ORGANIZATION OF STAGE III

REF: (A) GENEVA 1883; (B) GENEVA 2529

1. DURING FIRST MEETING THIS WEEK OF THE WORKING GROUP ON STAGE III (WG), IT WAS GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAT WG PAPER WOULD BE DRAFTED FOLLOWING GENERAL OUTLINE OF ROMANIAN TOPIC HEADINGS TRANSMITTED REF (B). IT WAS AGREED TO DEAL WITH SOME EASIER ITEMS FIRST, I.E. RULES OF PROCEDURE, CHAIRMANSHIP, OPEN OR CLOSED MEETINGS, SPEECHES, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS. WG DISCUSSED FIRST THREE OF THESE ISSUES AT THIS MEETING.

2. ON RULES OF PROCEDURE THERE WAS WIDE SUPPORT FOR HOLY SEE PROPOSED LANGUAGE READING AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE WORK OF THE THIRD STAGE OF THE CSCE WILL BE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE RULES OF PROCEDURE MENTIONED IN CHAPTER 6 OF THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HELSINKI CONSULTATIONS (WITH THE CLARIFICATIONS GIVEN IN THIS DOCUMENT) END QUOTE.

THERE WAS SOME QUESTION AS TO WHETHER CLARIFICATIONS
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WOULD BE NEEDED AND, IF SO, WHAT THEY WOULD COVER.

3. IT SEEMED TO BE GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAT THE CHAIRMAN AT OPENING AND CLOSING SESSIONS WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE HOST COUNTRY AND THAT THE CHAIRMAN AT INTERVENING SESSIONS WOULD BE CHOSEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH STAGE I PROCEDURES (HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS PARA 70 AND 73).

4. THERE WAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THE IDEA THAT ALL STAGE III MEETINGS SHOULD BE OPEN TO THE PRESS.

5. ALTHOUGH NO FORMAL DECISIONS HAVE YET BEEN TAKEN, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO MOVE RAPIDLY THROUGH LESS CONTENTIOUS ISSUES. IN THIS STIUATION WE WOULD APPLRECIATE RECEIVING GUIDANCE REQUESTED REF (A) AND ANY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PROVIDE ON OTHER ISSUES LISTED IN REF (B).
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